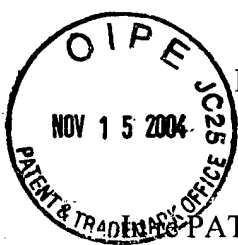


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit: 2815
Examiner: Ms. Jasmine J. B. Clark

IN RE: PATENT APPLICATION of

Applicant(s): Tadashi YAMAGUCHI)
Serial No.: 10/621,561)
Filed: July 18, 2003)
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE)
HAVING STEP-LIKE SECTION)
ON THE BACK SIDE OF THE)
SUBSTRATE, AND METHOD FOR)
MANUFACTURING THE SAME)
Atty Dkt: OKI 284C1)

AMENDMENT

November 15, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action of August 13, 2004, the period for reply to which has been set to expire on November 13, 2004 (a Saturday, and thus on the following Monday, November 15).

A fee of \$ None is being submitted concurrently. Should this remittance be accidentally missing, however, or should any additional fees be needed (including extension of time fees, since Applicant hereby provisionally petitions for any extensions that may be deemed necessary to avoid abandonment), the Commissioner may charge such fees to our Deposit Account number 18-0002.

Please amend the above-identified application as specified on the following pages, and then reconsider the application in view of the Remarks that are presented thereafter.

FEE ENCLOSED: \$
Please charge any further
fee to our Deposit Account
No. 18-0002